

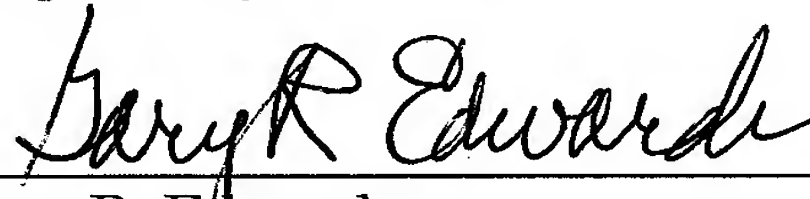
REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 (all claims of record) have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 on the grounds that the claims allegedly define non-statutory subject matter. In response to this ground of rejection, Applicants have amended the claims in the manner suggested by the Examiner at page 3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are now allowable.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056226.55708US).

Respectfully submitted,



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